

## News Release

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## **Public invited!**

## FNOD Restoration Advisory Board Meeting – September 4, 2008

**SUFFOLK, Va.** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host its Quarterly Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot (FNOD) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on Thursday evening, September 4, at 6:15 p.m.

This meeting, which is always open to the public, will be held in the first floor meeting room at the Suffolk Courtyard Marriot Hotel, located near the corner of Harbour View Boulevard and College Drive at 8060 Harbour View, Suffolk, Va.

## Meeting topics include:

- Munitions Update
- Environmental Investigations Updates
  - Nansemond River Beachfront
  - o James River Beachfront
  - o Main Burning Ground
  - o TNT Area
- Project Manager Update

The quarterly RAB meetings serve as the main forum for discussing with members of the public the Corps' efforts at the 975-acre former depot, located near the Tidewater Community College Portsmouth Campus.

FNOD RAB members provide input on proposed work plans and restoration efforts to an interagency project team consisting of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). FNOD is on EPA's National Priorities List since 1999.

**Background on the Restoration Advisory Board** – The FNOD Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was established in 1997. It is the main forum for the public to provide input on the cleanup plans and efforts at the site directly to project team members of the Corps, VDEQ and the EPA. The RAB is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders, including community members, local business representatives, local and state officials, a Tidewater Community College representative, other property owners and FNOD project team members from the Corps, VDEQ and the EPA.

Additional project information can be found at: <a href="http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/fnod">http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/fnod</a>. The Norfolk District Environmental Section Chief, Adriane James, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (757) 201-7701. Similarly, the FNOD Project Manager, Suresh Kikkeri, at (410) 962-5618, and the FNOD Design Team Leader for Norfolk District, George Mears, at (757) 201-7181.